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NETWORK SYSTEM, RELAY )  
APPARATUS, AND STATUS )  
CONTROL METHOD )

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1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Pub. No. 2001-16221 discloses switching a remote apparatus from a power-saving state to an operating state via a physical bus (IEEE 1394).

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